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SUBJ: SAUDI NEGATIVE PRESS REACTION TO PARIS INCIDENT CONTINUES

1. EDITORIAL IN JIDDA'S LEADING DAILY, AL MEDINAH,
SEPTEMBER 13 TYPICAL OF SAUDI PRESS REACTION AND EVALUATION
OF PARIS EMBASSY INCIDENT IN CONDEMNING THOSE WHO DID IT;
IN ADDITION, HOWEVER, EDITORIAL SUGGESTS MANY QUESTIONS
REMAIN: "WHY WAS THIS OPERATION PLANNED, WHY THE TIMING,
AND WHO CHOSE THE VENUE FOR IT? BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT
QUESTION IS HOW THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION,
THAT CONDEMNED IT, CAN PREVENT ITS REOCCURRENCE?"

2. THEME OF NECESSITY FOR PLO TO TAKE ACTION PLACED
SQUARELY IN LAP OF YASSIR ARAFAT IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH:
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QUOTE SAYID YASSIR ARAFAT WILL FIND DIFFICULT ISSUE BEFORE

HIM, WHICH IS: HOW CAN THE PLO STOP THE REPETITION OF SUCH ACTS WHICH HARM THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND DO DAMAGE TO IT. DENUNCIATION AND CONDEMNATION, PER SE, WILL NOT PREVENT THE REPETITION OF SUCH INCIDENTS NOR WILL THEY PREVENT DAMAGE TO THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE. THE PLO WILL FIND IN FRONT OF IT MANY EXPERIENCES THE STRUGGLES OF (OTHER) PEOPLES FROM WHICH IT CAN PROBABLY BENEFIT IN HANDLING THIS INCIDENT. UNQUOTE.

3. REST OF EDITORIAL CITES EXPERIENCES OF ALGERIAN LIBERATION FRONT IN DISCIPLINING ITSELF, SUGGESTING THAT MANY TRAITORS HAD RECEIVED EXEMPLARY PUNISHMENT, AND NOTING THAT THIS HAD PREVENTED QUOTE CREATION OF VASSAL GROUPS WHICH WOULD HAVE BENEFITED THE COLONIALISTS. END QUOTE EDITORIAL ENDS BY ADMONISHING PLO THAT IT MUST FIND A QUICK AND RADICAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM TO PREVENT ENEMY FROM SECURING A VICTORY FROM WITHIN.

4. ACCORDING TO PRESS MINSTATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAQQAF RETURNED TO JIDDA FROM PARIS WHERE HE VISITED INJURED MEMBER OF SAUDI EMBASSY. BOTH HE AND KING FAYSAL, FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE HAS STATED, WERE FURIOUS AT TIMING AND TARGETING OF PARIS INCIDENT.

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